(*b*) whether cement is being sold to the public at present?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, a very small quantity which the P. W. D. was able to spare.

Petrol Coupons.

141. ***MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of private owned motor cars in the State; and

(*b*) the general principle they have adopted in issuing petrol coupons to the owners?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) 1255.

(*b*) Owners of private cars are given basic ration irrespective of the nature of their work. Supplementary rations are generally given for purposes which are considered to be essential.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know which are the purposes which are considered to be essential?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: A list of essential services has been framed by the Government of India and this Government, more or less, follow that list.

Engineering Degrees of the Travancore University.

142. ***MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Engineering Degrees of the University of Travancore are recognised;

(*a*) by the Government of India for appointment to the Indian Engineering Service; and

(*b*) by all Indian Universities?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor*): (*a*) The Federal Public Service Commission have recognised the B. Sc. (Eng.) Degree of this University provisionally, as a qualification for admission to the Engineering Services Examinations conducted by them, pending the recognition of the degree by the Institution of Engineers (India).

(*b*) Steps are being taken for the recognition of the degree by the Institution of Engineers (India), the premier Engineering Association in India, and the recognition of the degree by the other Indian Universities is expected to follow.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether any Travancorean who holds the B. Sc., Engineering Degree has so far secured any appointment in the Federal Public Service?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH: There are at present no graduates in Engineering of Travancore University.

PRESIDENT: Will the honourable member raise his voice because the acoustic property of this Hall is imperfect.

Students admitted to the Engineering College.

143. ***MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of students admitted to the Engineering College during the years 1117, 1118 and 1119;

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